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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Duy M Dang

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 July 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 13 July 2000 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

-In page 3 line 14, please change "4 1" to "4:1" and "12 1" to "12:1".

Appropriate correction is required.

3. Claim 1-24 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(a) for not pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention. The reasons are as follows:

a) The following terms lack suitable antecedent basis:

- The "said x-shaped groupings" recited in claim 1 line 8. In addition, it is not clear whether or not the "x" (lower case) and "X" (upper case) are the same. Please spell it out.
- The "said sub-image size" recited in claim 4 line 2.
- The "said pixel Z" recited in claim 23 line 3.
- The "said diamond group recited in claim 24 line 3.

b)The following terms are unclear what they refer to: the "partly diamond-shaped" in claim 1 line 12 refers to; and the "said diamond-shaped groupings" in claim 1 line 14, claim 21 lines 3-5 and 7-8, claim 22, lines 4, 6-8 and 10. Clarification is required.

4. Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

5. A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

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6. Claims 1-24 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objection to under 37 CFR 1.75(a), set forth in this Office action.

7. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding claim 1, the cited prior art fails to teaches an image compression comprising; a separating an image into a plurality of color channel sub-images; processing each of said color channel sub-images by: sub-sampling said sub-image, transform coding said sub-sampled sub-image, decoding said transform-coded image, forming a plurality of square groupings of pixels in said decoded image, predicting a value for a pixel within each of said square groupings, determining a prediction error for each predicted pixel value within each of said square groupings, coding said prediction error, forming a plurality of diamond-shaped groupings of pixels in said decoded image, predicting a value of a pixel within each of said diamond-shaped groupings; and combining each of said processed color channel sub-images with said coded prediction error thereby forming a compressed image.

Dependent claims 2-24 are also allowed for the same reasons as above.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Duy M Dang whose telephone number is 703-305-1464. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday from 6:30AM to 5:00PM..

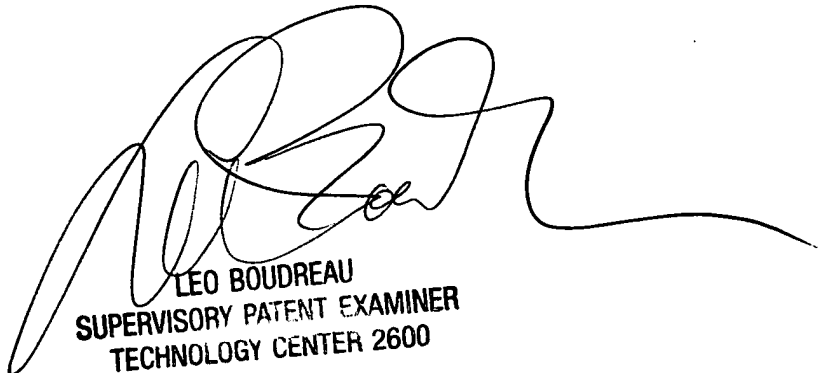
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Leo H Boudreau can be reached on 703-305-4706. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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